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SUBJECT: UNITED STATES YOUTH COUNCIL DELEGATION

REF: STATE 286998

1) EMBASSY PREPARED TO ASSIST YOUTH COUNCIL VISIT
JAN 11-17. SUGGEST EMBASSY BRIEFING BE SCHEDULED
MORNING JANUARY 12 BEFORE GROUP INVOLVED WITH OTHER
ACTIVITIES.

2) WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL SPECIFICS ABOUT
DELEGATION MEMBERS AND INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS. WOULD
ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHICH COLOMBIAN GROUPS COUNCIL HAS
CONTACTED THUS FAR. PLEASE ADVISE THEM THAT
COLOMBIANS TAKE VACATION PERIOD DEC. 15 - JAN 15
VERY SERIOUSLY AND MANY PEOPLE THEY MAY WISH TO SEE
ARE LIKELY TO BE OUT OF TOWN.

3. IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR EMBASSY TO ASSIGN A STAFF
MEMBER TO GROUP FOR FULL WEEK AS INTERPRETER. PROFESSIONAL
INTERPRETERS HERE ARE EXPENSIVE (APPROXIMATELY \$75 PER DAY)
AND LESS EXPERT STUDENT ASSISTANCE FOR TOURISM AND CASUAL
CONVERSATION COSTS ABOUT \$10 PER DAY. FORESEE NEED FOR
SOME PROFESSIONAL INTERPRETING FOR SUBSTANTIVE EVENTS.
UNLESS COUNCIL OR DEPARTMENT CAN FUND INTERPRETER,
SUGGEST COUNCIL APPROACH COLOMBIAN EMBASSY CULTURAL ATTACHE
SUGGEST REQUEST FOR INTERPRETING ASSISTANCE BY A COLOMBIAN
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CULTURAL OR YOUTH ORGANIZATION. EMBASSY CAN THEN ASSIST

IN COORDINATING INTERPRETER SERVICE AND GROUP'S SCHEDULE
AS NEEDED WHEN MORE INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.
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